

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR authorization to Lease Certain Electric Distribution Facilities Serving the Mountain House Area of San Joaquin County, and to Sell Certain Related Electric Distribution Facilities, to the Modesto Irrigation District Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851.

Application 03-02-005  
(Filed February 7, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
REQUIRING PARTIES TO COMMENCE DISCOVERY,  
MEET AND CONFER, AND FILE CASE MANAGEMENT  
STATEMENT PRIOR TO PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Based on my review of the application, the protest filed by the Commission Office of Ratepayer Advocates and the reply filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the parties are directed to do the following in preparation for the prehearing conference scheduled for April 21, 2003:

- Commence and, if possible, complete any necessary discovery;
- Meet and confer regarding disputed issues and attempt to resolve any factual disputes by stipulation; and
- File a joint case management statement by no later than April 17, 2003, which identifies all disputed factual and legal issues and addresses:
  - The status of discovery;
  - The outcome of the meet and confer;
  - The need for a hearing and, if a hearing is requested, several proposed hearing dates; and



- A proposed schedule for the proceeding.

If the parties are able to reach agreement regarding any factual disputes, they shall file a stipulation with the case management statement.

A copy of all documents required to be filed by this ruling shall also be forwarded directly to me by facsimile sent to (415) 703-1723, e-mail addressed to tom@cpuc.ca.gov, personal delivery, or overnight mail by no later than April 17, 2003.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated April 7, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MYRA J. PRESTIDGE

Myra J. Prestidge  
Administrative Law Judge



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 7, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

**N O T I C E**

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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